

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Butch Seargent, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, Don Rogers, Candace Dowdy, Ron Allbritten, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Carol Roberts, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Mayor Rushing recognized Chip Adams, attorney for the Murray Calloway County Hospital. Mr. Adams was present to provide information to the council regarding the hospital's desire to establish a subsidiary corporation called MCCH Physicians Associations, Inc. He stated that the hospital is moving toward recruiting additional physicians into the community and one way to help the process along is to form this recommended subsidiary corporation. It will be wholly owned by the hospital and the board of trustees of the hospital will serve as the board of directors of this corporation. The purpose of the corporation is to be the employer of the physicians that are recruited to Murray in the future. The hospital wanted to have this vehicle in place in case a physician wanted to work under that employed physician model.

Typically when hospitals recruit it is to start their own practice or in some situations those physicians will be employed by the hospital. We wanted to have a liability wall put up because there are different liability risks involved when a hospital employs physicians. See attached document prepared by Mr. Adams, which are for informational purposes only.

Dr. Miller questioned how this corporation would work. Mr. Adams stated this corporation would be the employing entity of a physician that came to Murray and did not open a private practice. Under this situation, overhead would be able to be kept down because they would not be required to come under the hospital's benefit plan. It would be an avenue that if there was an adverse liability, i.e. medical negligence suit, that liability could be contained within the subsidiary corporation and not risk the assets of the hospital.

Since this was for informational purposes only, no action was taken by the council.

Minutes of the council meeting held November 20, 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Wayne Harper, Director of Grounds and Building Services at Murray State University. Mr. Harper was present to discuss a grant that had been awarded in the amount of \$135,000. The grant will be used to purchase a cardboard bailer and to fix up the building on North 16th Street by Sullivan's Par 3. This facility will enable the public to bring cardboard and begin recycling.

Mayor Rushing recognized Rick Melton, Howe & Melton, CPA, and requested that he provide a report on the audit performed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Mr. Melton provided the council members with a PowerPoint presentation (see attached).

Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman to approve the audit as presented. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Robert Billington, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Billington stated the committee met to review bids for the southwest annexation gravity sewer project. He stated that there was one responsible/responsive bid. **Mr. Billington moved, as unanimously recommended by the Public Works Committee**, to accept the bid of Ernie Davis and Sons Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$968,158.10 for the southwest annexation gravity sewer project and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents with the Kentucky Infrastructure Association for the loan that the City was approved for to fund the project. **Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.** With no further discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-025 reappointing Ed Davis to the Murray Planning Commission for a four year term to expire January 1, 2012 was presented to the council for approval. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-026 reappointing Tom Rottinghaus to the City of Murray Code Enforcement Board for a for a three (3) year term which will expire November 11, 2011 was presented to the council for approval. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-027 appointing Robert Billington, Councilman, to the Murray Electric Plant Board for a for a one (1) year term which will expire December 31, 2008 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-028 reappointing John Yates to the Cablevision Communications Commission for a four (4) year term which will expire January 1, 2012 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-029 reappointing Donald Jones to the Cablevision Communications Commission for a four (4) year term which will expire January 1, 2012 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Dr. Miller** to approve said

recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-030 reappointing Carol Roberts, city representative; Joe Dick; Howard Koenen; Jane Brandon, council representative; and Al Hough, AARP representative; to the Senior Citizens Board for a one (1) year term which will expire January 1, 2009 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-031 appointing Kim Griffo to the City of Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments for a four (4) year term which will expire December 13, 2011 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Bill Wells stated the next Make a Difference Day is scheduled for January 12, 2008.

Mr. Pittman stated the ad hoc committee met to discuss creating an overlay district and that they approved bringing this before the council. Mr. Hopkins is preparing the necessary paperwork to present.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk